

REMARKS

This Amendment cancels claims 4 and 15 and adds the limitations of claims 4 and 15 to independent claims 1 and 14, respectively. Independent claim 22 was amended to include the limitations of now cancelled claim 23 and the limitations previously set forth in claims 4 and 15.

In the November 1, 2004 Final Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 14, 16, 19, and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for obviousness over United States Design Patent No. D163,617 to Lilja in view of United States Patent No. 5,915,561 to Lorenzana. Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for obviousness over Lilja in view of Lorenzana and further in view of United States Patent No. 4,497,077 to Provost. Claims 8-10 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for obviousness over Lilja in view of Lorenzana, and further in view of United States Design Patent No. D464,499 to Gharst. Claims 11, 12, 17, 18, 22, and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for obviousness over Lilja in view of Lorenzana in further view of United States Patent No. 4,854,468 to Dahlquist II.

Applicant has added the indicated allowable subject matter from claims 4 and 15 to independent claims 1, 14, and 22. In view of these amendments, pending claims 1, 3, 5-12, 14, 16-19, 21, and 22 should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectively requested. Applicant has further attended to the misspelling in claim 4 now set forth in independent claim 1 as required by the Examiner.

The drawings stand objected to in the Final Office Action for not showing the "one or more horseshoes". In response, Applicant includes proposed drawing changes to Figs. 1 and 2 showing two horseshoes associated with the portable table. The proposed changes to Figs. 1 and 2 are highlighted in yellow for the Examiner's convenience in reviewing the changes. The proposed changes have been incorporated into formal drawings for this application, a complete set of which also accompanies this Amendment. The proposed changes are supported by the original specification and no new matter was added. Formal drawings are being submitted at this point of the prosecution to expedite issuance of a patent from this application. Approval of the proposed drawing changes and new formal drawings is respectfully requested.

In the proposed drawing changes to Figs. 1 and 2 and new formal drawings, the "one or more horseshoes" has been identified with reference numeral "100", which has

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been inserted in the specification in paragraph [17] to reflect the proposed changes in the drawings.

Applicant has amended each of the pending to claims to change the preamble to recite "portable table" in place of "portable containment unit" to be more reflective of the subject matter of the present application. Likewise, Applicant has amended the title to "Portable Table" for the same reason.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and this application is ready for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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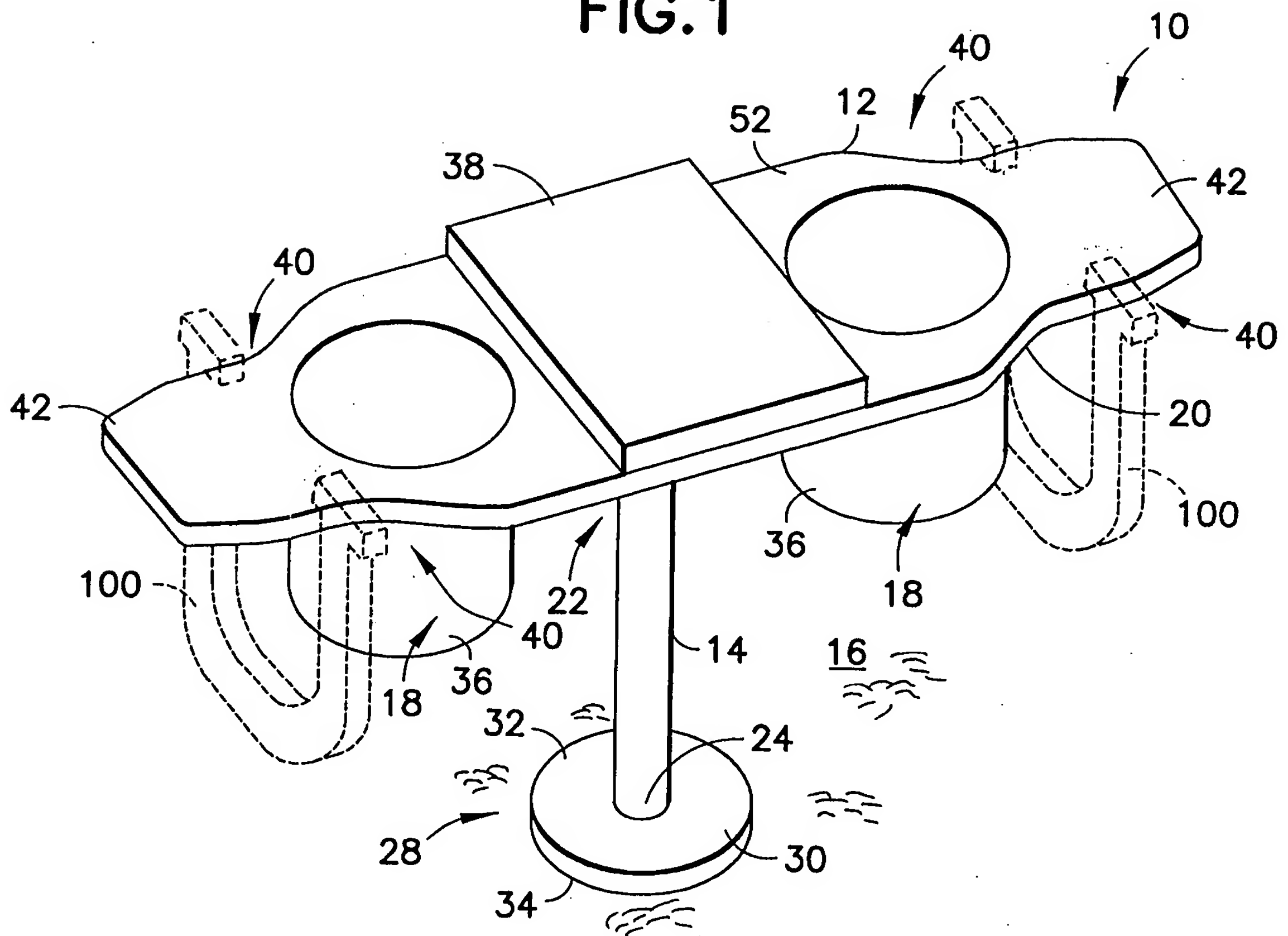
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1 and 2. The replacement sheets, which include Figs. 1 and 2, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1 and 2. Annotated drawing sheets showing the changes highlighted in yellow are also provided.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

FIG. 1



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FIG. 2

